MINUTES

OF THE

MAYO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

BEGAN AND HELD AT

Flat Shoals Church,

Stokes County, N. C., May 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1877.

LIKEWISE MINUTES OF

THE SAME ASSOCIATION,

BEGAN AND HELD AT

Russell's Creek Church,

Patrick County, Va., October 20th, 21st, and 22d, 1877.

DANBURY, N. C.
PRINTED AT THE "REPORTER" OFFICE,
1878.

MINUTES.

FLAT SHOAL CHURCH,
STOKES COUNTY, N. C., May 19th, 1877.

The Association met according to appointment. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Levi I. Bodenhamer, from Romans, 9th chapter, 11th, 12th, 13th verses: "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. It is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." After which the Association met in council.

After singing, and prayer by Elder G. W. Kelly, the following letters were read and received, and the names of ministers and messengers were enrolled, viz:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.
CLEAR SPRING—	*R. W. Hill*, A. S. Stuart, John Brown.
SNOW CREEK—	David Hall, Leonard Smith, Joshua Freeman.
SPOON CREEK—	(Not represented.)
SARDIS—	Richard Gentry, Noten Sneed.*
SUGAR TREE—	(Not represented.)
GRAYHAMS—	*T. S. Ring*, John Lowrence.
BUFFALO—	Peter Hutcherson, B. T. Vernon, Joel Hawkins.
STATE LINE—	*John H. Wright*, Pryor May, James A. Leak.
CROSS ROADS—	Ansalem Reid, Wm. Neal, James Bayner.
CASCADE—	Thomas H. Dunn.
MATRIMONY—	Francis J. Stone, James M. Stone, P. J. Pratt.
RIDINGS—	(Not represented.)
RUSSELL'S CREEK—	*M D. Hill*, James Hutchens, J. H. Creasy.
FLAT SHOAL—	L H. Southern, James Hicks, Mastin Bulling.
FIVE FORKS—	Benjamin Sprinkle, Fewel Fulton.
SAINTS' DELIGHT—	*L. I. Bodenhamer*, C. T. Snider, R. F. Linville.

[Ministers' names in *italics*. Marked *—absent]

By motion, Elder L. I. Bodenhamer was chosen Moderator. Then called for correspondents from sister Associations From:

Fisher's River—Elders Hugh Jones, Alexander Moren, Joseph Atkinson, Henderson Cain, Gabriel Denney, and Brother Caivin Blackburn

Smith's River—Elders Samuel J. Lackey, James M. Blancet, and brethren Elijah M Bernard and S. B. Williams.

Pig River—Elders G. W. Kelley, E B. Turner, and Brother T. B. Davis.

County Line—Elder Robert Threeve, and brethren James M. Harris and James H. Hall.

Abbott's Creek—Brother Isaac Hammer.

Elder P D. Gold, visitor from Contentnea Association, all of whom were cordially received into our union.

Then made choice of Elders G. W. Kelley, E. B. Turner, and P. D. Gold, with the Moderator and Clerk, as the committee to arrange the business of the Association.

Elders G. W. Kelly, E. B. Turner and P. D. Gold were chosen to preach on to-morrow; and Elders S. J. Lackey, James M. Blancet, and M. D. Hill were chosen to preach on Monday.

Appointed for worship to commence to-morrow by 10 o'clock, and for the Association to meet Monday morning by 9 o'clock. Then dismissed in order.

———§———

SUNDAY MORNING, May 20th, 10 o'clock.

The brethren who were appointed to preach to-day, met. Elder G. W. Kelley, after singing and prayer, preached from John, 10th chapter, 27th and 28th verses: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." Elder E B Turner followed, from Matthew, 28th chapter, 18th, 19th and 20th verses: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

An intermission of half an hour was given, when Elder P. D. Gold closed the services from Amos, 7th chapter, and latter clause of the 5th verse: "By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small." The brethren seemed to be favored with light and liberty; the congregation were attentive to hear the word of truth preached, and we hope the Lord will bless the labors to both saint and sinner.

———§———

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer, by Elder Robert Threeve, attended to the following business: Called the names of messengers and correspondents; read the Rules of Decorum; called on brethren who were appointed to sister Associations to report, and received their several reports.

By request, appointed Elders R. W. Hill, M. D. Hill, L. I. Bodenhamer, and T. S. Ring to attend at Grayham's Church, and the same (Presbytery) to attend Saints' Delight Church, and report to our next Association.

Appointed our next Association to be held with Russell's Creek Church, in Patrick County, Virginia, to commence on Saturday before the third Sunday in October next, Elder John H. Wright to preach the introductory sermon—R. W. Hill, in case of failure. Then adjourned to the time and place appointed.

L. I. BODENHAMER, *Moderator.*

R W. Hill, *Clerk.*

RUSSELL'S CREEK CHURCH,
PATRICK COUNTY, VA, October 20, 1877.

The Association met to day. By request, Elder David R. Moore preached the introductory sermon, from John, 17th chapter, 1st and 2d verses: "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee; as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

The Association met in the house. After prayer, by Elder E. B. Turner, the following letters from the Churches were read and received:

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.
CLEAR SPRINGS—	*R. W. Hill*, Y. B Davis, Franklin Redman.
SNOW CREEK—	David Hall, J. S Priddy, Barnet Riggs.
SPOON CREEK—	(Not represented.)
SARDIS—	Richard Gentry, A. W. Robertson.*
SUGAR TREE—	(Not represented.)
GRAYHAM'S—	*T. S. Ring*, John Lowrence,* Drury Watson.*
BUFFALO—	Peter Hutcherson, B. T Vernum, Joel Hawkins.
STATE LINE—	*John H. Wright*, J. A. Leak, Pryor May.
CROSS ROADS—	Willian Neal.
CASCADE—	Thomas H. Dunn.
MATRIMONY—	F. J. Stone, George Grigg, P. J. Pratt.
RIDINGS—	(Not represented.)
RUSSEL'S CREEK—	*M. D Hill*, Wm. H. Ayres, James Shepherd.
FLAT SHOAL—	L. H. Southern, James Hicks.
FIVE FORKS—	Fewel Fulton, Benjamin Sprinkle.
SAINTS' DELIGHT—	*L. I Bodenhamer*,* C. T. Snider, R. F. Linville.

[Ordained ministers in *italics*. Marked *—absent]

Elders T. S Ring chosen Moderator; R. W. Hill, Clerk. Then called for corresponding and visiting brethren, when from—

Fisher's Association—Elders Alexander Moren, John Moren, Joseph Atkinson, and John Nunn.

New River—Anderson Webb.

Smith's River—Elders S. J. Lackey, G. L. Tuggle, A. J. Cassell, Clayburn Plaster, and brethren E. P. Beman and A. D. Short.

Pig River—Elders G. W. Kelley, E. B. Turner, and brethren Thompson J. Davis, Thomas B. Davis, Silas Minter, and Marshal Jamerson.

County Line—Elder David R. Moore, and brother James H. Hall.

(We had no correspondents from Staunton River.)

Abbott's Creek—Isaac Hammer and Anderson Idol.

Elders G. W. Kelley, E. B Turner and David R. Moore were chosen, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee to arrange the business of the Association; and brethren P J. Pratt and George Grigg, Committee on Finance.

Elders G. W. Kelley, E B Turner and David R Moore were chosen to preach to-morrow, (Sunday); and Elders A. J Cassell, Alexander Moren and R. W. Hill chosen to preach on Monday.

The Association appointed to meet, and worship commence to-morrow, by 10 o'clock, and the Association to meet Monday morning by 9 o'clock. Then adjourned.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The brethren who were chosen to preach to-day, met. Elder G. W Kelley opened the services with singing and prayer, and preached from Romans, 8th chapter, 33d and 34th verses: "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died; yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Elder David R. Moore followed, from Ephesians, 2d chapter, 19th, 20th and 21st verses: "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord."

An intermission was given, after which Elder E. B. Turner closed the services for the day, from 1st Corinthians, 1st Chapter, 23d and 24th verses: "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." These, our brethren, seemed to be (and we doubt it not) very much favored of the Lord in preaching the Word of the Lord, and hope their labors will be manifest. Then, after singing a hymn, dismissed.

———§———

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met. After singing, and prayer by Elder David R. Moore, attended to the business of the Association, as follows: Called the names of messengers and correspondents; called on brethren who were appointed to sister Associations to report, and received their several reports. Called on brethren appointed to Grayham's Church to report; they believe it not expedient that the old Grayham's Church should yet be dissolved. Then called on the Presbytery, appointed to attend the Saints' Delight Church, to report; they attended, and after examination, ordained brethren C. T. Snider and John Adkins to the office of Deacons. By request, appointed Elders R. W. Hill, T. S. Ring, and M. D. Hill to attend the call of Clear Spring Church, and report to our next Association.

The obituary of Elder Samuel Arrington, written by Brother James A. Leak, was read, and to be published in these Minutes.

The Committee on Finance was called on to report. Their report is, that they received from the several Churches twenty dollars ($20 30) and thirty cents.

Ordered, That we have Six Hundred copies of these Minutes printed and distributed, as have been heretofore.

Paid for printing 600 copies of Minutes,	$12 00	
Clerk's fees, - - - - - -	8 00	
Remainder, - - - - - .		30 cents.

Appointed the following brethren to our sister Associations:

To Fisher's River—R. W. Hill, T. S. Ring, L. I. Bodenhamer, M. D Hill, John H. Wright, David Hall, Y. B. Davis, L. H. Southern, Franklin Redman, C. T. Snider, Benjamin Sprinkle and Fewel Fulton.

To New River—M. D. Hill, R. W. Hill, John H. Wright, David Hall, J. A. Leak, Peter Hutcherson, and Wm. H. Ayers.